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SUBJECT: MBFR: DUTCH STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT

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1. CHARGE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN UTRECHT ON SEPT. 22 TO YOUTH BRANCH OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT IN THE NETHERLANDS TO ASK PIETER DANKERT, A FELLOW SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SECOND CHAMBER IN PARLIAMENT, WHAT LAY BEHIND GON'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN INCLUDING TACNUCS IN THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

2. WITHOUT PURPORTING TO STATE THE GON'S VIEWS, DANKERT, A LONGTIME DEFENSE EXPERT AND POLITICAL PROTEGE OF FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, SURMISED THAT IF THERE WERE TO BE ANY DISCUSSION TOUCHING ON DEPLOYMENT OR POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF TACNUCS UNDER NATO'S JURISDICTION, GON WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH DISCUSSION, WHICH WOULD NOT BE THE CASE IF IT WERE HELD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF SALT. SECONDLY, DANKERT SAID IF THE U.S. WERE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TACNUCS IN WESTERN EUROPE, THE DUTCH WOULD WANT TO BE SURE THAT

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THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CALL FOR SOME COMMENSURATE FORM OF

COMPENSATION BY THE SOVIETS, E.G., REDUCTION OF SOVIET TANK
BATTALLIONS STATIONED IN EASTERN EUROPE.
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